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Interviews 1,000 adults, 778 registered voters
Margin of error: ± 3.1 for all adults, ± 3.5 for registered voters

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG STUDY
CONDUCTED BY IPSOS PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG STUDY

As you may know, a new Medicare prescription drug program came into effect on January 1.

1. From what you know, is the new Medicare prescription drug program easy to understand or hard to understand? Is that somewhat (easy/hard) or very (easy/hard)?

Very easy	4
Somewhat easy	11
Somewhat hard	29
Very hard	23
Not sure	33
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Total Easy.....	16
Total Hard.....	52

2. Are you currently eligible for the new Medicare prescription drug program, or not?

Yes	20
No	73
Not sure	7

3. In addition to yourself. Do you have a close family member who is currently eligible for the new Medicare prescription drug program, or not?

Yes	45
No	49
Not sure	6

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO IN Q2. SAY THAT THEY ARE CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE FOR THE NEW MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM)

4. Have you enrolled in the new Medicare prescription drug program, or not?

Yes	34
No	63
Not sure	3

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO IN Q3. SAY THAT THEY HAVE A CLOSE FAMILY MEMBER WHO IS CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE FOR THE NEW MEDICARE PROGRAM.)

5. Have any close family members enrolled in the new Medicare prescription drug program, or not?

Yes	36
No.....	50
Not sure.....	14

NOTE: REMINDER OF SURVEY WAS ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO IN Q4. SAY THAT THEY ARE ENROLLED IN THE NEW MEDICARE PROGRAM OR OF THOSE WHO IN Q5. SAY THAT THEY HAVE A CLOSE FAMILY MEMBER WHO IS ENROLLED

6. Have you or have any close family members ever been denied prescription drugs under the new Medicare prescription drug program, or not?

Yes	18
No.....	77
Not sure.....	5

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO IN Q6. SAY THAT THEY OR A CLOSE FAMILY MEMBER HAS EVER BEEN DENIED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS UNDER THE NEW MEDICARE PROGRAM.)

7. To the best of your knowledge, under the rules of the new program was the denial made in error, or not?

Yes	37
No.....	57
Not sure.....	6

8. From what you know so far, have you or have any close family members noticed any significant cost savings under the new prescription drug program, or have there not been any significant cost savings?

Significant cost savings	17
No significant cost savings	59
Not sure.....	24

REGISTERED VOTERS/ PARTY AFFILIATION

1. Are you currently registered to vote at this address, or not?

	ALL ADULTS
Yes	78
No	22
Refused/not sure	-

2a. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these? *

INITIAL PARTY IDENTIFICATION

	REGISTERED VOTERS
Republican	30
Democrat	35
Independent	21
None of these	12
Not sure	2

(IF "DEMOCRAT" TO Q.2a, Q.2b ASKED. IF "REPUBLICAN" TO Q.2a, Q.2c ASKED. IF "INDEPENDENT" or "NONE OF THESE" TO Q.2a, Q.2d ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

- 2b. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Democratic Party?
- 2c. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Republican Party?
- 2d. Do your beliefs tend to lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

	REGISTERED VOTERS
Strongly Republican	19
Moderately Republican	21
Definitely Independent/neither.....	11
Moderately Democrat.....	26
Strongly Democrat	21
Refused/not sure	2
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Total Republican	40
Total Democrat	47

DEMOGRAPHICS

NOTE: Results for demographic questions represent all adults unless otherwise indicated.

D1a. In what year were you born?

D1b. Have you already had a birthday this year?

(IF RESPONDENT REFUSES Q.D1a OR Q.D1b, Q.D1c ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

D1c. Are you:

18-34	31
35-49	26
50-64	26
65 and over	17
Refused/not sure	-

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	59
- Full time.....	48
- Part time.....	11
Not employed	19
Retired.....	21
Refused/not sure	1

D3. What is the last year of school you completed?

Grade school or some high school	7
Completed high school	25
Some community college or university, but did not finish	22
Completed technical school or a community college	9
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	22
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	15
Refused/not sure	-

D4. Are you currently married?

Yes	59
No.....	41
Refused/not sure	-

D5. Including yourself and any children, how many people are currently living in your household?

1	18
2	33
3	17
4	18
5	9
6 or more	4
Refused/not sure	1

(Q.D6a-c ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN HOUSEHOLD IN Q.D5.)

D6a. How many children under 6 years are currently living in your household?

D6b. How many children ages 6 to 12 are currently living in your household?

D6c. How many children ages 13 to 17 are currently living in your household?

ANY CHILDREN – NET	39
Under 6.....	21
6-12	19
13-17	13
NO CHILDREN	59
Refused/not sure	2

D7a. Would you describe yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes	38
No.....	57
Refused/not sure	5

D9b. What is your religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Mormon, Jewish, Muslim, some other religion, or don't you belong to any religious denomination? **(IF "SOME OTHER RELIGION, ASK) Is that a Christian denomination, or not? (IF YES, CODED AS "PROTESTANT".)**

Protestant.....	45
Catholic	25
Mormon	1
Jewish	2
Muslim.....	-
Other non-Christian religion.....	2
No religion	21
Refused/not sure	4

D10a. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

(Q.D10b ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE HISPANIC IN Q.D10a.)

D10b. Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

(RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

White	71
Black.....	11
Hispanic.....	12
Asian.....	4
American Indian.....	1
Other.....	1
Refused	-

D11. Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2005?

Under \$15,000.....	14
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	4
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	5
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	5
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	7
\$100,000 or more	15
Refused/not sure	18

REGION:

Northeast.....	20
Midwest	23
South	35
West	22

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban	32
Suburban.....	50
Rural.....	18

GENDER:

Male	48
Female	52